



# Governor's E-Newsletter

## November 13-19, 2004



Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai'i!

It is with pleasure that we send you this e-newsletter.

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Hawai'i's increasingly prominent role in promoting peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region was discussed by U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge. He was among the keynote speakers at the second annual Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit and Exposition in Honolulu.



Delegates from more than 40 nations attended the homeland security summit.



Governor Lingle introduced U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge prior to his keynote address at the summit.



Governor Lingle and U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge joined the executive fellows from Pacific and Southeast Asian nations during the Homeland Security Summit. The executive fellows are currently enrolled in workshops at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu. Photo courtesy of Brandon Saigusa.

## **Asia-Pacific Leaders Convene for Homeland Security Summit**

Governor Lingle welcomed delegates from more than 40 nations and 24 states and U.S. Territories to the second annual Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit and Exposition in Honolulu. The keynote speaker was U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, who emphasized to the delegates that they have a vested interest in joining forces to ensure the security of their airports, harbors, food supplies and economies. The Governor hosted the summit in collaboration with the state Department of Defense;



Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; U.S. Pacific Command; Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies; US-ASEAN Business Council; and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai`i. The text of Secretary Ridge's remarks can be found at: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic>. Read more in the [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#) and [Honolulu Advertiser](#).



Governor Lingle and U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge thanked delegates for their participation during a reception for the Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit and Exposition.

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Governor Lingle and June Lee welcomed Patricia de Stacy Harrison, assistant secretary of state, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, to a reception at Washington Place.



In her opening remarks at the inaugural International Women's Leadership Conference, Governor Lingle spoke about the need for successful women to serve as role models and mentors for others.



Vivian Aiona, wife of Lt. Governor Aiona, served as mistress of ceremonies for the International Women's Leadership Conference.



Students from La Pietra Hawai'i School for Girls were eager to ask questions of Renee Amore, the keynote speakers on the second day of the International Women's Leadership Conference. Amore is a Philadelphia-based entrepreneur, healthcare advocate and political advisor.

## **International Women's Conference Provides Forum for Inspiration**

Top women leaders in business, travel, health care, communications, education and government gathered in Honolulu to share their personal and professional stories of success and provide inspiration to others. The inaugural International Women's Leadership Conference was hosted by Governor Lingle, the state's first female governor. With the theme "Women of Inspiration: Their Personal Stories," the conference opened with keynote remarks from Patricia de Stacy Harrison, assistant secretary of state, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and also featured speakers from the U.S., Japan, China and Israel who shared words of wisdom, strategies and skills they acquired in rising to the top in their respective fields. "To get into this position is a privilege, of course, but it's also a responsibility," Governor Lingle said about success by women. "Our personal journey must amount to more than just personal achievement." Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#).

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Governor Lingle congratulated "Governor for a Day" essay contest winner Marie Pineda, a senior at Sacred Hearts Academy. Her essay, entitled "Health Wise," was selected by the Governor because of its ideas for promoting healthy lifestyles. Marie also attended first day of the International Women's Leadership Conference.



Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona are shown with (from left) Representative Mark Takai; Aaron Kamiya, "Lt. Governor for a Day" essay contest winner; Tiffany Strong, "City and County of Honolulu Mayor" winner; Pualani Disney, "Hawai'i County Mayor" winner; Sophia Asing-Yuen, "Maui County Mayor" winner; Marie Pineda, "Governor for a Day" winner; Quincee Paronagao "Kaua'i County Mayor" winner; Mark Fa'alele, "Department of Education Superintendent" winner; and Representative Dennis Arakaki.

## **Student "Leaders for a Day" Announced**

Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona congratulated winners of the 2004 Hawai'i Medical Service Association "Leader for a Day" essay contest. Students were invited to submit essays about the challenges youth face in practicing healthful behaviors and how they would improve physical activity and/or health education in Hawai'i's schools. The essay contest is part of Children & Youth Month in Hawai'i, which is co-sponsored by Hawai'i Youth Services Network and the Keiki Caucus of the state legislature.



Following the ceremony honoring "Leader for a Day" essay contest winners, Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona joined the students, their families and "Children and Youth Month" sponsors for a luncheon at Washington Place.





Former Hawai'i resident Inspector John Tanabe and his dog Gretel, an explosives detection team for the Federal Protective Service, Region 9, Department of Homeland Security, visited Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona at the State Capitol. Tanabe and Gretel came in from San Francisco to conduct inspection and familiarization tours of the Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Federal Building and several other facilities. They also met with local law enforcement agencies and public safety staff.

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## Governor Visited by "Soul Surfer" Bethany Hamilton



After filming an anti-drug public service announcement for the state, surfer Bethany Hamilton met with Governor Lingle at the State Capitol. Hamilton gave the Governor a copy of her newly published book, "Soul Surfer," and the two exchanged stories about surfing. [Read more from the Associated Press.](#)

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### **A Thanksgiving Message from Governor Lingle**

As Governor of the State of Hawai`i, I would like to wish all our residents and visitors a very happy Thanksgiving. During this special time of the year, let us pause to reflect on how much we have to be thankful for in the Aloha State. The natural beauty of Hawai`i is unparalleled, our quality of life is the best we have experienced in years and our people are blessed with a gracious and loving spirit that adds greatly to the soul of our island home. It is my hope that you are able to join with family and friends in celebrating the holiday season. Of course, many people will be far away from their families. This includes Hawai`i's men and women in uniform who are fighting for freedom and democracy in Iraq and Afghanistan. Please join me in keeping our troops and their families in your thoughts and prayers, and thanking them for their many sacrifices. Let us also remember the less fortunate among us and lend a helping hand -not just today, but throughout the year. Aloha e m•lama pono!



Gunnery Sgt James Sanders (right) and 1st Sgt Robert Eriksson with 1st BN 3rd MAR Charlie Company based at Kaneohe Marine Corp Base Hawai`i are currently serving in Fallujah. Both Sanders and Eriksson were stationed in San Diego together from 1999 to 2002 as drill instructors, and were later assigned to the same unit in Hawai`i. Photo courtesy of Judy Sanders.

### **Photos of Troops Sought for Governor's Web Site**

Hawai`i is forever grateful for the dedication and sacrifice of its men and women serving in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard, as well as our citizen soldiers in the Reserve and National Guard. Please visit the photo album, "Dedicated to Our Hawai`i Troops." To submit digital photos of your loved ones who are serving our country overseas, please e-mail [governor.lingle@hawaii.gov](mailto:governor.lingle@hawaii.gov).

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### **Department of the Week - Defense**





State Adjutant General Robert Lee delivered closing remarks at the Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit and Exposition.

## **DOD Promotes International Unity in War on Terror**

The state Department of Defense, headed by Adjutant General Robert Lee, played a key role in organizing the second annual Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit and Exposition, held November 14-17 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The summit, which drew hundreds of delegates from throughout the region and the U.S. mainland, built on the progress made at the inaugural summit in 2003. This international gathering of leaders from the public and private sectors enabled them to discuss mutually beneficial opportunities and share best practices in fighting the global war on terror.

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## **In the News**

### **Hundreds in Hawai'i receive flu vaccination**

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#).

### **Global unity against terror urged**

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#).

**Ridge promises quicker visas** - The visiting secretary of homeland security says he recognizes the travel impact here...Read more in the [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#).

**Inspiring tomorrow's female leaders** - The International Women's Leadership Conference provides a forum for motivation and networking...Read more in the [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#).

## **Women leaders take spotlight**

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#).

**Federal support still likely for center** - An assistant U.S. secretary says the East-West Center fills a vital global role...Read more in the [Honolulu Star-Bulletin](#).

## **State revenues up 11% for fiscal first quarter**

Read more in the [Honolulu Advertiser](#).

## **Quote of the Week**

**"Much has changed for women in America and around the world, and much for the better. But we have such a long way to go. Laws never take us to where we want to go. Only we can do that, believe me."**

-Governor Lingle speaking at the International Women's Leadership Conference.

## **Thought of the Week**

**"The battle we wage against the terrorists is not one fought by America alone. It is fought by every nation and every citizen that stands on the side of hope and liberty. The means to win this war rests in our ability to engage the world community, work together multi-laterally, and foster healthy dialogue and strategic cooperation among our allies."**

-U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge speaking to participants at the second annual Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit

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## **Key Upcoming Events**

**November 24** Governor Lingle will present the championship trophy during the 2004 EA Sports Maui Invitational preseason tournament hosted by Chaminade University, Lahaina Civic Center, 6:35-6:50 p.m.

**December 1** Governor Lingle will deliver welcome remarks during the 2004 Hawai'i State Secondary Student Conference, State Capitol, Senate Chambers, 4:30-4:45 p.m.

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**December 2** Governor Lingle will deliver remarks at a luncheon with the Hawai'i

Government Employees Association retirees unit, O`ahu Chapter, Ala Moana Hotel, Hibiscus Ballroom, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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**Lt. Governor Aiona will be the guest on the Wednesday, November 24, radio show. Listen to the Governor's Weekly Radio Show Live on [www.hawaii.gov/gov](http://www.hawaii.gov/gov) at 7:05 a.m. (HST) each Wednesday and call in at (808) 521-8383 from O`ahu or (888) 565-8383 from the Neighbor Islands with questions and comments.**

**The weekly radio show can be heard live from 7:05-8:00 a.m. Wednesdays on the following radio stations:**

**O`ahu (KHHV AM 830)**

**Maui (KAOI 1110 AM)**

**Hilo (KPUA 670 AM)**

**Kaua`i (KONG 570 AM)**

**To hear the archived radio shows click [here](#).**

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